

**A-E JOINT BOARD MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes
APRIL 15, 2004**

PRESENT: Gary A. Gust, James Otto, Walter Wilson, Scott Berg, James Dorn, Donna Rozar, Lynda Farrar, Robert Hoskins, Matthew Janiak, James Rusch, Rick Van Goethem, Jay Fernholz, Ruth G. Johnson, Rosheen Styczinski, and Wayne G. Tlusty

EXCUSED: Arno Haering, Michael J. Ohberg, Martin Hanson, Nancy Sobczak, and Bernie Abrahamson, Dale Paczkowski

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Lowrie, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Pat Schenck, Program Assistant

GUESTS: William Babcock, AIA Wisconsin
Frank Thousand, WI Society of Land Surveyors
Carol Godiksen, ACEC Wisconsin

CALL TO ORDER

Jay Fernholz called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum of 15 members was present.

Jay Fernholz introduced himself to the new Joint Board members. Introductions went around the table with each member giving a brief background on their profession and experience and their position on the Joint Board.

Robert Hoskins stated that he has been the only public member on the Land Surveyors Section for the last 10 years and would like to see another public member appointed to this Section.

AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

- Presentation by Secretary Donsia Strong Hill, Deputy Secretary Mary Schlaefer, Sandra Rowe and Peggy Da Valt.
- Election of Officers

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Rusch, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES – April 10, 2003

Amendments to the Minutes:

- Page 3 of 8 delete duplicate printing of Secretary Donsia Hill.

MOTION: Robert Hoskins moved, seconded by James Rusch, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2003 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded James Rusch, to nominate and elect Jay Fernholz as the Chair of the A-E Joint Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Dorn, to nominate and elect Rick Van Goethem as the Vice Chair of the A-E Joint Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: James Rusch moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, to nominate and elect Ruth G. Johnson as the Secretary of the A-E Joint Board. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD EFFICIENCIES PRESENTATION – SECRETARY DONSIA STRONG HILL, DEPUTY MARY SCHLA-EFER; PATTY HOEFT, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS SERVICES; AND SANDY ROWE, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR OF DOE

Secretary Donsia Strong Hill, Deputy Secretary Mary Schlaefer and Sandra Rowe, Division Administrator of DOE gave a presentation on efficiency and effectiveness initiatives within the Department and the Division of Enforcement in areas of focus for each Division, purpose, challenges with limited staff, new rule making steps, complaint intake challenges, screening complaints, monitoring, and recommendations for improvements. Peggy DaValt conducted an overview of the Departments new website.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT JERRY LOWRIE, BUREAU DIRECTOR COMMITTEE ROSTER

Wayne Tlusty was nominated to succeed Rick Rettler on the Landscape Architect Section.
Ruth G. Johnson, LSA Section: Change E-mail address to: snowbound@aol.com

2004 MEETING DATES

The next A-E Joint Board meeting is November 18, 2004.

DISCUSSION OF ACT 118

Mr. Lowrie reported on the new changes to administrative rule-making procedures required in 2003 Wisconsin Act 118.” These changes will require more research regarding rule-making procedures. Some changes include private sector fiscal estimates, additions to scope statements, additions to draft rule reports and additions to legislative reports.

PRACTICE OF LAW ISSUE

Mr. Lowrie gave a brief update on the practice of law issue. Creating a commission is still under discussion. The State Bar's mission statement did not provide a true definition of what constitutes the practice of law nor did it site examples of persons practicing outside of their scope. Cost of creating the Commission would be the responsibility of the State Bar. The Board reviewed Secretary Donsia Strong Hill’s letter to the Clerk of Wisconsin Supreme Court in support of the Boards.

STATUTES/LEGISLATION

Continuing Education

Some Board members are opposed to continuing education and feel that the professional will educate himself or herself, as they are responsible to keep themselves up to date, while others are in favor of a mandatory requirement of continuing education and feel that is the only way a professional can update himself or herself on new technology. Professionals that had the most serious complaints had no voluntary continuing education.

The Board discussed enabling legislation so the Sections can make their own determination on what, if any, continuing education should be required. Wisconsin is falling behind other jurisdictions in regards to continuing education and Wisconsin’s licensure requirements are on the bottom end. All five sections indicated that they are interested in continuing education. Continuing education could include teaching a class or taking a class.

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by James Rusch, that the A-E Joint Board goes on record as having continuing education and enabling legislation a priority issue. Robert Hoskins opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Lowrie encouraged the Board members to contact their legislature to pick up the Boards Bills. Some bills did not make it past the Legislative Reference Bureau during the last legislation session.

LAND SURVEYORS SECTION

Examination Review

Rick Van Goethem reported on eliminating examination review from the administrative code by removing section (a) and (b) from the A-E 6.05(9)(a)(b) from the administrative code.

NCEES will give a candidate a statistical summary of the test to show a candidate where they were weak on the exam.

MOTION: James Rusch moved, seconded by Robert Hoskins , to recommend that the legislature remove A-E 6.05(9)(a)(b) from the administrative code.
Motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Permits

Rick Van Goethem reported on changing the wording from principles and practice to state jurisdictional on A-E 6.07 Temporary Permits. No changes in A-E 6.05 wording.

MOTION: James Rusch moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, to correct the wording in A-E 6.07 (1)(2) temporary permits be changed back to state jurisdictional examination. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Public Hearing held on 4/15/04 8:00 a.m. Administrative Rule Revision for Comity Applicants A-E 4.09.

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Robert Hoskins, to request that CR 03-087 A-E 4.09 application comity rule be moved forward to the legislature.
Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING CHEATING

Mr. Lowrie reported on the Department's universal cheating policy. The new RL 4 rule will create consistency and efficiency regarding discipline. Mr. Lowrie requested comments from the Board regarding the Department's new cheating rule. Boards will still use their discretion regarding discipline.

SECTION MEMBER REPORT

Architects Section

James Otto reported on legislative draft language regarding experience and education requirements that increase the experience requirements with or without a professional degree to bring Wisconsin in line with other jurisdictions. The route to licensure without a degree would increase to 10 years.

At the July 23, 2003 Section meeting, AIA's Continuing Education Director, Thom Lowther gave a presentation on impacting the design profession through continuing education credits through the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Mr. Lowther explained AIA's continuing education resources. AIA has a panel of 12 architects from around the country who oversee providers of continuing education credits, monitoring and auditing providers, types of credits

offered, locations and transfer options from state to state. The Section discussed the benefits, if any, in requiring architects to take continuing education credits in Wisconsin. The department receives very few complaints from the public. The Section discussed whether they should adopt the professional organizations transcripts of continuing education.

Future initiatives of the Section include continuing education, IDP requirements for registration by comity, reinstatement rules, NAAB degree requirement, prototypical documents, design build, and examination review.

The Section discussed changing Wisconsin's rules so they are in line with NCARB's to eliminate the exam review option. NCARB recommends no review of exams.

Mr. Otto attended the NCARB 2004 Regional Meeting in Santa Monica, CA on March 18-20, 2004. NCARB would like to be the national clearing-house for licensure and are pushing for international agreements. The 2004 NCARB Annual Meeting is in Portland Oregon on June 23-26, 2004. Mr. Otto will be attending as a voting delegate and Walter Wilson will be attending as a new Section member to represent the Board. NCARB will fund the voting delegate.

The 2005 Regional NCARB Meeting will be held at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee WI on March 10-12, 2005.

Landscape Architects Section

Jay Fernholz reported on the Section meeting on April 14, 2004. The landscape architects have a similar situation as the architects regarding experience requirement toward the examination but in a different fashion. Solving the problem will require legislature change.

There are two other methods of taking the examination nationwide or internationally. CLARB has established regional test centers to make it more cost effective and reduce travel costs.

The Department has contracted with a testing firm called Laser Grade. Laser Grade gives the Federal aviation examination at regional airports for pilots and has 300 examination sites throughout the country.

This creates a problem as the requirements for sitting for the exam varies between states. Wisconsin requires a degree from an accredited school plus, two years of experience under a licensed landscape architect prior to sitting for the examination whereby many other jurisdictions do not have this requirement.

The Section would like to change the rules so candidates can take the examination prior to obtaining the experience hours and then require the experience hours prior to licensure in Wisconsin. Determining a cut off date for gaining the experience hours after the candidate takes the examination may create a problem.

Professional Engineers Section

Lynda Farrar reported that the Section is working on years of experience and examination requirements for licensure. The next Engineers Section meeting will be held at UWP Platteville Engineering School. The Section holds one meeting a year at a UW School of Engineering .

Designers Section

James Dorn reported that the Section met on September 11, 2003. The Designer Section has a new professional member Scott Berg and one public member vacancy. The Section will meet on June 22, 2004. The Section is working on legislation to change sub fields on ss 443.07. The last request for legislation was in September 2002. Correct problem by eliminating the reference to sub fields ss. 443.07(3)(5) stats. to allow the board to designate fields of technology only. Eliminate the 12 year experience 35 years of age licensure alternative by repealing ss 443.07(1)(b) stats. Reduce the necessary experience for licensure by examination from 8 to 6 years through amendment of ss. 443.07(1)(a) stats. Amend the academic equivalency at ss. 443.01(2) stats. to establish that the completion of academic course work in other than engineering technology be considered equivalent of not more than three years of qualifying experience. This proposal for legislation was introduced in 1999 under LRB-0734 and 1997 under Assembly Bill 655. The fiscal effect of proposal is none.

Land Surveyors Section

Rick Van Goethem introduced Matthew Janiak as the new professional member and stated the Section is still short one public member. The Sections last meeting was in February and they will meet in August. The Section is reviewing A-E 6.07 and making some minor changes regarding the licensure of land surveyor's registration process.

There are changes in the application process and which requires the applicant to report how many hours they worked in specific subject areas regarding their work experience. They will review four applications after the Joint Board today.

James Rusch stressed the importance of the Bureau Director attendance at the NCEES Central Zone meeting and other meetings. Jerry Lowrie and Mr. Rusch will be attending the NCEES Central Zone Meeting in St. Louis, MO. on May 20-22, 2004. A land surveyor looks at things from the professional prospective whereby the Bureau Director (administrator) can see the whole picture.

NEW BUSINESS

Donna Rozar requested that new Board members receive a Department pin.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by Robert Hoskins, to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suggested Agenda Items for 11/18/04:

- Sanctions regarding non-responders to complaints.

NEXT MEETING: 11/18/04